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Venkiteswaran Subramanian, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/373,333

Filed: August 12, 1999

For: DNA SHUFFLING TO PRODUCE
HERBICIDE SELECTIVE CROPS

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97 and
§ 1.98

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Sir:

The references cited on the attached PTO-1449 form are being called to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed. As some of the references cited in the enclosed PTO1449 form are from the International Search Report dated January 28, 2000, for PCTUS99/18394, a copy is enclosed for your reference.

Applicant believes that no fee is required for submission of this statement, since it is being submitted prior to the first Office Action. However, if a fee is required, the

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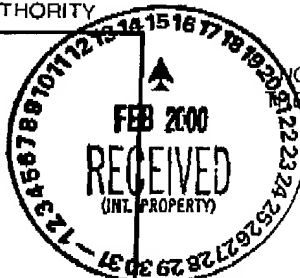
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 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF
 THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT
 OR THE DECLARATION

(PCT Rule 44.1)

Date of mailing (day/month/year)	11/02/2000
Applicant's or agent's file reference 0113.100	FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraphs 1 and 4 below
International application No. PCT/US 99/18394	International filing date (day/month/year) 12/08/1999
Applicant MAXYGEN, INC.	

1. ☒ The applicant is hereby notified that the International Search Report has been established and is transmitted herewith.

Filing of amendments and statement under Article 19:

The applicant is entitled, if he so wishes, to amend the claims of the International Application (see Rule 46):

When? The time limit for filing such amendments is normally 2 months from the date of transmittal of the International Search Report; however, for more details, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

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2. ☐ The applicant is hereby notified that no International Search Report will be established and that the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) to that effect is transmitted herewith.

3. ☐ With regard to the protest against payment of (an) additional fee(s) under Rule 40.2, the applicant is notified that:

☐ the protest together with the decision thereon has been transmitted to the International Bureau together with the applicant's request to forward the texts of both the protest and the decision thereon to the designated Offices.


☐ no decision has been made yet on the protest; the applicant will be notified as soon as a decision is made.

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Shortly after 18 months from the priority date, the international application will be published by the International Bureau. If the applicant wishes to avoid or postpone publication, a notice of withdrawal of the international application, or of the priority claim, must reach the International Bureau as provided in Rules 90bis.1 and 90bis.3, respectively, before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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Applicant's or agent's file reference 0113.100	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/US 99/18394	International filing date (day/month/year) 12/08/1999	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 12/08/1998
Applicant MAXYGEN, INC.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 4 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

☐ contained in the international application in written form.

☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

☒ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

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☐ the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

☒ the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (see Box II).

4. With regard to the title,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

☐ as suggested by the applicant.

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☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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☐ None of the figures.

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 International Application No.
 PCT/US 99/18394

 A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
 IPC 7 C12N15/82 C12N15/10

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

 Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
 IPC 7 C12N

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 98 31837 A (DELCARDAYRE STEPHEN B ;MAXYGEN INC (US); MINSHULL JEREMY (US); NES) 23 July 1998 (1998-07-23) page 28, line 19 -page 31, line 37	1-60
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☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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